



21st Century Adaptive Thinking Focus of Army Experiment 6

Latest Training-Focused Experiment Debuts at AUSA Annual Meeting

The latest in Army training concepts [highlighted] the military exhibits at the 1999 Association of the U.S. Army's Annual Meeting, located at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C., Oct. 11-13.

The Army Experiment Six (AE6) is the latest in a series of Army Experiments originated by then Army Chief of Staff Gen. Gordon Sullivan to prepare the forces for the revolution in technology associated with the 21st century. The U.S. Army's Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) again leads this year's effort to present AE6.

"Training the Forces of Army XXI," the AE6 theme, shows unprecedented development in the adaptive thinking that is characteristic of a learning organization. Teaching "how to think" in addition to "what to think," AE6 built on its predecessors, exploring how leaders can be better trained in a digital environment. Last year's AE5 focused on situational awareness in a digital environment.

An interactive "adaptive thinking" mini-theater [allowed] the viewer to experience adaptive thinking in the context of a futuristic scenario. Accompanying it

[was] another mini-theater that [presented] the Mission Planning Rehearsal Tool, used by the 10th Mountain Division to prepare for its August deployment to Bosnia. The exhibit [included] an overview video of AE6 and updates on the Army's digitization campaign. Completing the exhibit [was] a video wall that [featured] comments by senior Army, industry, and academia leaders.

Compounding the value of the exhibit [was] the presence at the Annual Meeting of thousands of U.S. Army soldiers from all military specialties, available for insights into their own experiences.

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